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Town Unveils Renovated Lockmaster Cottages

Operation of Lock & Dam # 47 in Newburgh by the Army Corps of Engineers began in 1928. The two lockmaster cottages were built in 1928 on the bluff overlooking the Lock & Dam to house the lockmaster and the assistant lockmaster. Lock & Dam # 47 operated until the Newburgh Locks and Dam were completed in 1975. In 1977, the Town initiated a two year lease agreement with the Department of the Army for the operation and public recreational use of the structures and the 8.42 acres they occupy. In 1979, the Town utilized a Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service program that allowed the transfer of Federal surplus real property to the Town. Since that time, the property and structures, particularly the Lock & Dam control building and the park area, have been used for public park and recreational purposes. The lockmaster cottages have remained basically in the same physical condition for the past 30 years. This year, the Newburgh Town Council and the Park Board made the commitment to renovate the cottages and make them available to the public for overnight stays. The renovations are now complete, and they are ready for use. Each cottage will come completely furnished and will sleep eight people. They are ADA accessible.



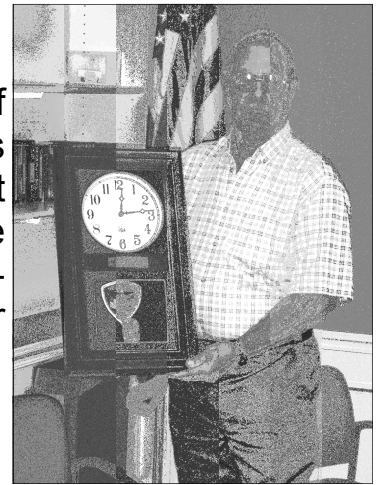
Reservations will be handled through the Town administrative staff. Please call 853.3578 or visit www.newburgh-in.gov for more information. The lockmaster's cottage will be open for tours during the Newburgh Celebrates Christmas weekend December 5 and 6.

Eric Ellsperman, Park Commissioner



Sergeant Gary Brown Retires

Sergeant Gary Brown announced his retirement after 16 years of service to the Newburgh Police Department. November 30 was his last day with the department. Brown served as the Sergeant for 2nd shift. His skills and law enforcement expertise will be missed. An open house celebrating his commitment and dedication to the department and the Town of Newburgh was held earlier this month. We wish Gary well in his much deserved retirement.



Retro Bill Inspires Newburgh 4th and 5th Graders

Sergeant Gretchen Mayse worked with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department to bring nationally known speaker "Retro Bill" to Newburgh. In a very animated fashion, Retro Bill actively engages students in an effort to address challenges they may face such as drug and alcohol use. This presentation was part of the D.A.R.E. (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) program Sergeant Mayse coordinates in the Newburgh schools for the Newburgh Police Department.

Bill Kavanaugh, Police Commissioner



Veterans Honored in Newburgh

Newburgh Town Council and the American Legion Kapperman Post # 44 paid tribute to all veterans on Saturday, November 7 at the Newburgh Veterans Monument at Bell Road and State Street. Steve Short, State American Legion Adjutant and former POW Guy Stephens spoke at the event. The Central High School junior ROTC program participants posted the colors. Members from each military service were recognized.



Again in 2010, orders for engraved bricks for the Veterans Monument will be taken until Labor Day and bricks will be installed before Veterans Day 2010. Order forms are available at Town Hall or on the Town website, www.newburgh-in.gov.

Shari Sherman, Veterans Monument Chair

Rivertown Trail Dedicated

Dedication of Phase I of the Rivertown Trail in Newburgh was held Saturday, November 21 at the B. Gene Aurand Trailhead at SR 662 and Yorkshire Drive. This portion of the trail includes two trailheads, the Aurand Trailhead and the Water Street Overlook, as well as the recently rehabilitated Warrick County Historic Bridge # 264. The trail extends approximately one mile from these trailheads to Water Street and east to the Old Lock & Dam Park.

Phase II of the trail is scheduled for an INDOT December bid letting. This section will extend 1.75 miles from the Old Lock & Dam Park to the Newburgh Locks & Dam at SR 662 and SR 66. Expected completion of this work is early 2011.

Eric Ellsperman, Park Commissioner



Sign Ordinance Enforcement

According to Town Ordinance 2006-11, all private and political signs are prohibited in the public right-of-way. All signs are prohibited from being placed off premise or on utility poles. The Town Street Department regularly removes any signs that do not conform to this ordinance. Please call Director of Planning and Development 853.2728 with any questions on this issue.

Alonzo Moore, Street Commissioner

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Yard Waste Pick Up

Last day for curbside yard waste pick up is Saturday, December 26.

Christmas trees will be picked on January 8 and 29.

Residents may also place yard waste out along with the Christmas trees.

Yard waste pick up will resume the first week of April 2010.

2010 Census

United States Census Day is April 1, 2010. The Town Council encourages everyone to complete the census form. It is a vital part of determining monies allocated to the Town.

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Newburgh Celebrates Christmas

December 5th and 6th

**Tours of Old Stone House
and**

Tours of the Lockmaster's Cottage

Saturday 11 am - 5 pm

Sunday 12 noon - 4 pm

Castle Knight Sensations and Town Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 6th at 5:30 pm - Town Hall